

Mount Dora Art League News

January 2020



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Welcome to January and the start of a brand New Year! We spent the holidays in Tennessee with our daughter and her family so we logged a few thousand miles during the month of December. But it was great to visit with family and see some old friends. I would like to personally thank everyone who helped with the Winter Art Show and for those who attended. I do believe we had a great turn out and you can find a list of the winners here in the newsletter. Although I did miss the Christmas party, I understand that it went well and that everyone had a great time. Thanks to all who assisted with the Christmas party in my absence. We do have one change in our program this month - Mary Miller will be presenting on the Art of Bonsai this month instead of during February. Mary has asked that if anyone has a bonsai tree to bring it for critique and/or advice. I look forward to seeing everyone on the 18th!

Kathy Sacks, President, Mount Dora Art League



CHECK OUT THE MDAL WEBSITE - CINI.KI.COM/MDAL

SHARE YOUR ARTWORK WITH OTHERS

**Send a jpeg. of your artwork to Peter Smith
at pasmith43@earthlink.net**



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45th Annual Mount Dora Arts Festival

What better way to celebrate one of the top **Downtowns** in the country than by walking America's favorite home-town! Filled with fine-art from national artists, along a **magnificent lake view!** Discover terrific entertainment, food, superb shopping and of course, **The Premier Arts Festival in Central Florida!**

Join us Saturday & Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm.

Featured Artist: Yu Zhou
Media: Painting
Location: Yardley, PA

Oil painter Yu Zhou of Yardley, PA, took home the Best of Show Award at the 44th Annual Mount Dora Arts Festival and took home a \$5,000 prize for his overall work. Yu paints amazing realistic still life paintings on linen.



Rotating Art Displays Through January and February

Mary Miller is the featured artist at the Village Inn Gate House in Mount Dora during the month of January with her exhibit called 'Scanner Magic'.

Carol Platt has 4 pieces on display downstairs at Tavares City Hall along with members of the Fifth Avenue Painters group. Artists are welcome to join them on Tuesdays from 9:30 - 4 pm at the Mount Dora Center for the Arts. Buy or bring a lunch. Bring your supplies.

Arlene Shoemaker is the featured artist at the Village Inn Gate House in Mount Dora during the month of February.

PROGRAMS FOR JANUARY 2020 – APRIL 2020 10 A.M. UNTIL NOON

All meetings & shows to be held at Congregational Church in Mount Dora unless noted otherwise. (Corner of Donnelly Street and 7th Street across from First National Bank)

18 JANUARY 2020 – MARY C. MILLER
"The Living Art of Bonsai"

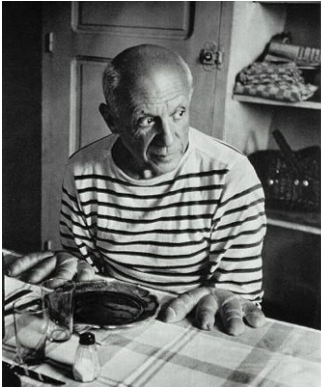
15 FEBRUARY 2020 – CARRIE KNUPP
"The Ancient Art of Encaustic Painting"

21 MARCH 2020 – CLAIRE FAIRCLOUGH
"Travels with a Palette Knife"
 (We will travel to Claire's home for this demonstration.)

18 APRIL 2020 – BILL CHELSETH
"Painting on Glass"

PLEASE LIFT THESE LOVED ONES AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS

Terry Bitting – Nike Bolte – Ron Colgrove – Molly Horton – Susan Jones - Sue Kautenburger – Fred Lantz – Abby McKay – Jane Moody – Carol Platt – Shirley Sojourner - Esther Dirlam



“Every child is an artist.
The problem is how to
remain an artist
once we grow up”
- Pablo Picasso

The Artist’s Point of View

- ◇ "I know a bird can fly, a fish can swim, and an animal can run. For that which flies, a net can be fashioned, for that which swims, a line can be strung. But the ascent of a Dragon on the wind into heaven is something that is beyond my knowledge."
- Confucius
- ◇ "The smallest invisible reality is to my mind, intelligent and is waiting there to be used by human spirits if we reach out and call them in." - Henry Ford
- ◇ "God speaks as softly as He can, and as loudly as He has to." - Rafi Zabor
- ◇ "I live and love in God's peculiar light."
- Michelangelo
- ◇ "God gives each of us special talents and gifts. It is both our privilege and our duty to make the most of them." - Robert E. Allen
- ◇ "Something we were withholding made us weak Until we found it was ourselves." - Robert Frost

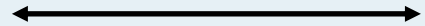
Upcoming Events

Art in the Alley

Fri, January 10, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Description: Enjoy art and music exhibitors along Royellou Alley, in the heart of downtown Mount Dora. During this free monthly event artists will be showcasing their original art, handmade goods and acoustic sounds along Royallou Alley (next to the Mount Dora Center for the Arts).



Beginning Digital Photography

Thursday, January 23, 2020

"Where is the flash? What about the batteries? What do these buttons do? Can my shots be edited on the camera? How do I focus my shots?" This class will answer these basic questions. Instructor Steve Berger is a photographer with years of photography instruction experience. This class is a hands-on workshop for beginners. You'll learn how to operate your digital camera and practice taking shots during class. Please bring your digital camera (make sure it is charged).

This class is free but registration is required. 2-4 pm at the Technology Lab at 1995 N. Donnelly Street. 352-735-7180 (option 5)

<http://mylakelibrary.org>

Upcoming Events Continued...

Art Critique

Wednesday, Feb. 5,
2020 6:30 - 8:00 PM
@ Community Room.

Artists are welcome to bring and talk about their original works of art at our monthly volunteer-led art critique. All types of media are welcome! This is an opportunity for people to come together to learn and grow as artists. You do not have to bring art to attend & participate in the critiquing process! No registration is required for this free monthly event and all are welcome. Sponsored by the Mount Dora Library Association.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING**
January 7, 2020
Congregational Church
10 A.M.

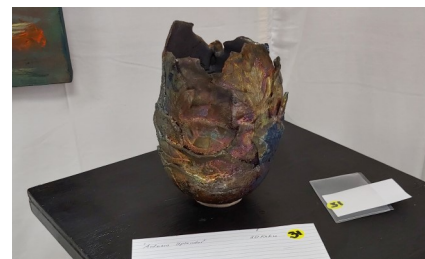
marvynrivett@mac.com
for information about
upcoming workshops in
the Eustis Art League

And The Winners Are....

The winners from the Winter Art Show held December 6, 7 and 8.

BEST OF SHOW

Claire Fairclough—"The Gondolier"



AWARD OF DISTINCTION (BLUE)

Louise Gardella - "Autumn Splendor"

Mary Miller - "Star Grass"

Carrie Knupp - "Drawing"

Carrie Knupp - "Japanese Rain"

AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT (RED)

Peg Parsons - "Zen Rocks"

Peter Dunaway - "Sunset Over Taveres"

Ronni Bell - "Evening Out"

Jon Glass - "Diversion"



AWARD OF MERIT (YELLOW)

Louise Gardella - "Forest Floor"

Dani Davis - "Melting Snow"

Carrie Knupp - "Playful Koi"

AWARD OF HONOR (WHITE)

Martha Overhiser - "Trumpet #2"

Kathy Sacks - "Calm Water"

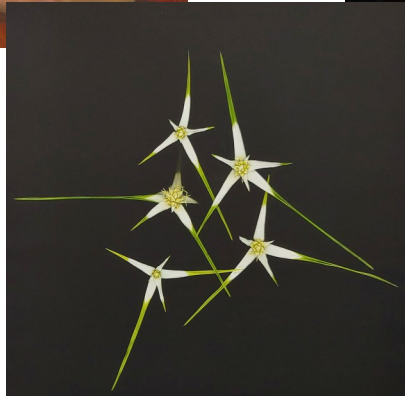
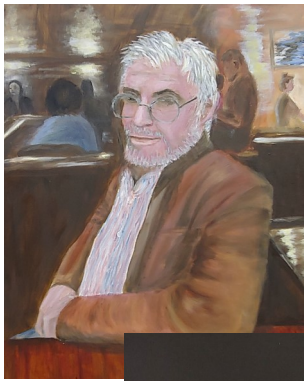
Dani Daves - "Jazz Player"

Ronni Bell - "Rocky Mountain National Park"

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Molly Horton - "Freedom"





Esther's Bookshelf

Self-Help (1998). **The Artist's Way at Work: Riding the Dragon - Twelve Steps to Freedom** by Mark Bryan ., Julia Cameron, and Catherine Allen. "Julia Cameron's groundbreaking book, *The Artist's Way*, has helped more than a million people access their creativity and realize their dreams." The authors expanded those original tools, fitting them for the workplace, blending them with cutting-edge ideas on creativity and group dynamics with "timeless values of integrity and simplicity to produce a powerful process that will assist you in whatever work you pursue." The result will be a "heightened sense of adventure, excitement, creativity, and satisfaction . . . in your life as a whole."

NF (2005). 910.91758 VES. **Lost Gold of the Republic: The Remarkable Quest for the Greatest Shipwreck Treasure of the Civil War Era** by Priit J. Vesilind. In many ways a history of America - with "mesmerizing technology and sensational finds" - "brilliantly brings to life the hopes, fears and tragedy of a fledgling nation, encapsulated by one shipwreck." "Unique and dramatic blend of historical research, biographical analyses, dogged and determined detective work and revolutionary deep-sea technology."

F (2019). **A Single Thread** by Tracy Chevalier. An intriguing story set in the early 1930's of Violet, a young woman facing the conventions and prejudices of her time. The author's "ringing prose is as radiantly efficient as well-tended silver" and her "signature talent" lies in bringing alive the "small, dramatic stories of overlooked people from the past."




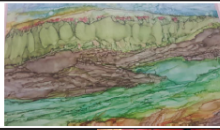





Biography (2011). 932.092 SCH. **Cleopatra: A Life** by Stacy Schiff (Pulitzer prize winner). Given the honor to be called "Best Book of the Year" by fourteen major newspapers, including National Public Radio. Preceding the book are seven pages of extraordinary acclaim for the author as a first-rate historian and brilliant story-teller. She describes Ptolemaic Egypt in "full vibrant color" and brings us the "voice of one of the most powerful, fascinating and maligned women in history." Cleopatra has gone down in history for all the wrong reasons, says the author: Her supple personality and the drama of her circumstances have been lost. "In a masterly return to the classical sources, Stacy Schiff boldly separates fact from fiction to rescue the magnetic queen whose death ushered in a new world order."



Upcoming Available Classes

ARTRAGEOUS ART GALLERY

606 West Main Street, Leesburg (228) 239-2973 www.artrageousartgallery.com

<p>COFFEE & CANVAS</p>		<p>January 7th (10am-12pm) \$35 Supplies Included Enjoy a cup of coffee as your instructor guides you through a painting session</p>
<p>CROCHET</p>		<p>January 10th (10am-12pm) \$15 Supplies Included Beginning with the Basics</p>
<p>SILK PAINTING</p>		<p>January 14th (10am-12pm) \$50 Supplies Included Very popular class Register early for Silk Serti. Be sure to register for the <i>upcoming</i> Silk Shibori, Japanese Technique being offered January 28th.</p>
<p>ALCOHOL INK PAINTING</p>		<p>January 15th (1pm-3pm) \$35 Supplies Included This initial class will begin with the basics. Also learn more, be sure to register for the upcoming January 29th class.</p>
<p>PAINT & SIP</p>		<p>January 16th (6-8pm) \$35 Supplies Included Thursday Night Fun!</p>
<p>TEA BAG FABRIC DYEING</p>		<p>January 17th (10am-12pm) \$30 Supplies Included A very unique and unusual fabric dyeing technique.</p>
<p>COFFEE & CANVAS</p>		<p>January 21st (10am-12pm) \$35 Supplies Included Enjoy a cup of coffee as your instructor guides you through a painting session</p>
<p>CARDS & ENVELOPES</p>		<p>January 23rd (12-2pm) \$20 Supplies Included These cards/envelopes are created from Wallpaper sample books.</p>
<p>BOB ROSS PAINTING</p>		<p>January 24th (1pm-4pm) \$55 Supplies Included <i>Taught by a Certified Bob Ross Instructor</i></p>

Check out our website for more details on all these classes and more.
www.artrageousartgallery.com